**GREAT GARDENING APPS 2021**

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The selection of gardening apps has grown over the years. This is a list of some newer and some tried and true gardening apps. You might find some educational and some very helpful in managing your garden. Educational apps help educate both novice and seasoned gardeners. Management apps help the gardener keep organized and schedule day-to-day gardening tasks. Planning apps help a gardener plan a garden. Garden Design apps help with exactly that. I feel that the Plant Identification apps are usually the most helpful to the new gardener when faced with existing plants in their gardens that they would like to identify.

**GardenTags**

This app is both an educational and a management app. It has an encyclopedia of over 20,000 plants! It also connects you to a community of gardeners who can give advice and help identify unknown plants. You can take photos of your plants and gardens and share them with the community as well as keep them for future reference. You can take a photo to share with the gardening community if you are having trouble identifying the subject. You can manage your garden by setting up garden to-do lists.

Available on iOS and Android

**Gardenize**

This app is centered on education. This app also connects you to a community of gardeners. It has a database of plants and a diary area that offers an opportunity to keep notes on whatever the gardener finds relevant.

Available on iOS and Android

**Garden Manager**

This app is connected to weather stations which help to inform gardeners about any type of inclement weather so the gardener can manage the garden care effectively. The gardener can also set alarms to remind them to do garden tasks. You can even keep track of your plants’ measurements on a graph. This app does have three levels of paid subscriptions so that gardeners can choose whichever would be of the most benefit to them.

Available on Android

**Gardroid**

The information on this app centers mainly around vegetable gardens. It provides sowing tips and information as well as a way to track the progress of your plants and take notes if you choose.

Available on Android

**From Seed to Spoon**

One of the highest rated garden planning apps available. This app uses your GPS to give advice about when seeds should be sown in your area as well as educating the gardener about garden pests (and beneficial insects) and organic pest management. It provides a beneficial planting guide. It also categorizes plants based on health benefit.

Available on iOS and Android

**iScape**

This is an amazing Landscape Design app. You take a photo of your yard and the app, using augmented reality, can take your choices in placement of your chosen hardscapes and plants and show you what your landscape will look like. This app has a free demo version and also has a paid, more comprehensive version.

Available on iOS

**Garden Answers**

This is a plant identification app. Take a picture with your phone and submit it to the app. Using image recognition technology, it will compare your image to the large database on the app. The app provides information regarding a plant’s identity as well as basic tips about it. If you take a picture of a diseased plant you can choose to pay a small fee to ask horticulturists direct questions about diseases and pests. It keeps a database of all your previous questions and the answers.

Available on iOS and Android

**LeafSnap**

LeafSnap is another plant identification app. This app has an approximate 95% accuracy rate. You snap a photo and image comparison will go through its database to identify the plant. It also provides an entire description of the plant. This works on plants, mushrooms, and cacti.

Available on iOS and Android

**What’s That Flower?**

This is a plant identification app. It is a free app but you can pay for a more comprehensive version. You can filter using a photo but you can also search based on thr flower’s color, number of petals, and habitat. You can also search by name.

Available on iOS and Android

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